



Connections

**Our mission is to connect with God,
as we live by faith, are known by love, and cultivate hope.**



WORSHIP

Sundays
January
4, 11, 18, 25
10:00 a.m.

*Communion is offered
January 4*

ONLINE WORSHIP

<https://www.robertsuc.org/media/>

January 7 & 21

RUCCUS Potluck
& Program

January 8

Community Dinner

January 14 & 28

Confirmation Class

January 18

Annual Meeting &
Potluck

January 23

Red Cross Blood Drive



Give blood.
American Red Cross

Friday, January 23rd
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

To Schedule: Download the Blood
Donor App | Go to:
www.RedCrossBlood.org (Enter:
Roberts) |
Call: 1-800-RED CROSS
(1-800-733-2767)

You can also use the direct link:

[https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-
results?zipSponsor=Roberts](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Roberts)

& there are flyers located at church with a QR code.

Contact Patti with any questions:



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*Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*
—Isaiah 43:18-19

The Church of Yesterday...

Ministry is one of those constantly evolving things and over the past 5 years it has evolved at a rate that makes a pastor's head spin. That is the case for many things in the world, however. Many of us feel the strains of the breakneck speeds that the world has changed in. One of the major ways in which things have changed though is a very good, but complicated thing and that is the various ways in which we reach out with worship services. Here at Roberts UCC, there has been a major shift in this area.

When I started here, we had Sunday morning worship at 10am, monthly nursing home services at Heritage Court, and the occasional special service (Christmas Eve, Easter, etc.). Eight years later, we are offering many opportunities for people to worship. We still have the ones listed above with an average attendance of 41 people per service for regular Sunday Worship at 10am and an average of 5 people attending the monthly Heritage Court services.

We have added to this our weekly Online Worship and RUCCUS Worship which happens the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evening September through May. The addition of these two services allows us to reach more people with an average attendance of 24 machines logging in for the online services and an average of 27 in attendance for our RUCCUS Worship.

I bring this up for two reasons. There have been more than a few of you who have been concerned about our Sunday morning attendance, which numerically is down significantly. Our pews are not nearly as full as they once were on Sunday mornings. That is just a fact. It is a fact that most congregations (in many faiths) are dealing with. The second is to bring a little hope to this situation.

By adding these other services we have actually increased our reach. That average of 27 for online worship counts only devices, not how many are watching them. I am aware, for a fact, that many of those watching are watching as families and couples. The standard I have found to use when calculating this is to use a factor of 1.8 people per device. In other words, our best estimate is that we have approximately 43 people in attendance for each online service. By moving our Sunday School to Wednesday nights and adding a modified worship service to it we have been reaching an additional 27 individuals (parents and children) who are there regularly where we were seeing sporadic at best for Sunday morning attendance.

The Online services have kept us connected with many who may not have any worship at all if there was only the in-person worship (those who cannot make it for whatever reason). It has also allowed us to help our shut-ins to still have a regular style worship service to continue their spiritual journey with. The RUCCUS Services have kept our younger people attending more often and also gotten them more involved in leadership and volunteering. So, although it looks like we are down in attendance, we are actually seeing more involvement and reach than it seems to the naked eye.

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The Church of Yesterday...

The whole truth is that in 2019 we saw an average of 75 people in attendance on Sunday morning reaching an average of 325 people a month with worship with an Active Membership of 215. According to last year's count we have an Active Membership of 170 and are reaching an average of 343 people a month with worship. This says nothing of the other ways in which we reach out.

Although things may not look like they once did and the metrics for measuring have changed, we are still doing better today than we were 5 years ago. There are still adjustments to be made and things to figure out. God is still here though – watching, guiding, and living with us! Let's rejoice in this new thing God is doing.

Pastor Burt



THE GREAT MANGER MYSTERY RECAP

What a success this year's pageant was. The kids did a phenomenal job performing the spoken parts as well as singing. With all of them portraying various barnyard animals as they took us on a journey of the birth of the Christ Child from the perspective of the animals. There were 63 adults there to watch the performance and 27 kids performing. A big round of applause to our CE Team who worked hard on the decorations, costumes, performance. All your hard work paid off. If you haven't seen the show and would like to, it is available on our YouTube Channel at this link:

<https://youtu.be/qg2HUAyiPgI>



CHRISTMAS ON MAIN RECAP

What a wonderful time we had watching all the kids come through at Christmas on Main this year. We had over 160 kids make ornaments to take home and hang on the tree.

Thank you to those who came to participate in the event with us. We were a small group, but it was nice to have others to share the time with. We even had one young boy color up an ornament for Santa and then come back and ask if it would be ok to make one for his parents as well.

It is a pleasure to see those moments when one of the kids gets the true spirit of giving at Christmas time. He was thinking of others before himself!



ROBERTS UCC UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE

ALL ARE WELCOME

& invited to come and join us as a church family.

January – May**1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month****Please join us on:****January 21st****5:30 PM POTLUCK MEAL****6:00 PM RUCCUS WELCOME BACK GAME NIGHT**

Please bring a dish to pass, beverages and plates/utensils for your group/family.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT TONI
CE@ROBERTSUCC.ORG**



Thank You for all the support of the Clothesline gift giving.

Every year I am overwhelmed by the thoughtfulness this congregation and beyond has shown for the group of people at ACSS who need to know someone cares, especially through the Christmas season.

Sincerely, Nancy Kirouac

4TH ANNUAL COOKIE SALE RECAP

SHIFT would like to extend a very sweet **THANK YOU** to all those who helped make our **4th Annual Christmas Cookie Sale** a big success!

This year, 16 bakers provided 31 kinds of cookies. Despite the cold temperature outside, many shoppers lined up to fill boxes with goodies.

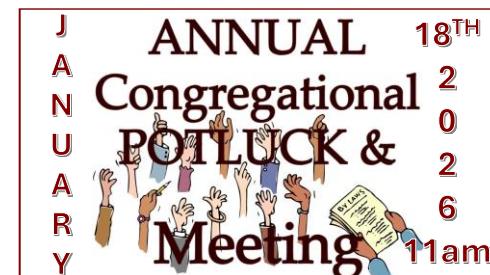
The sale brought in close to \$550! We couldn't have done it without you and are truly appreciative of your support.

The Annual Reports will be ready and emailed to congregation members prior to the meeting. If you do not receive yours, please contact the office.

There will also be some printed copies available at church.

Please review the report prior to the Annual meeting & potluck on January 18th beginning after 10am worship.

Let's share a meal and take a closer look at the ministries here at RUCC and how God has and is working in and through our congregation and the community.





Please log on to <https://www.raiseright.com/> to find Instructions for setting up an account with RaiseRight to benefit Roberts Congregational UCC. Our Participant code is 24AA8C4E36429. Some of the ways to earn money for our church are:

Purchase Gift Cards from the many brands found on the site: Traditional, Reloadable, and E-gift cards are available.

Shop Online – See specific brands listed on the website.

New feature – rebates from local restaurants (must look for participating restaurants on the website and tie your credit card or debit card to RaiseRight so the rebate can be recorded at the time of checkout).

All rebates are electronically deposited to our Roberts UCC SCRIP bank account.

Also, RaiseRight offers a **Mobile App** for your phone.

So many possibilities to raise funds for our church.

Please go to the Raise Right site and explore.

If questions, please ask **Dianne Loewel**,
651-343-7614 or gmaloewel@gmail.com.



Are you looking for an easier way to donate without having to write checks? Especially if you are not in town every weekend.

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER & ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

We offer EFT – The withdrawal date is the 15th of each month. If you would like to try this option, please contact the church office or complete the ACH form on the church website and get it to the office.

You are able to give directly through our website, <http://robertsucc.org>. Select “Give Now” under “GIVING” in the menu and it will take you to our donations page, or go directly to: <http://robertsucc.org/giving>. Hit the give now button and use your PayPal account or credit/debit card.

HOW DOES IT WORK?



BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP 2026

Choose a date for a special person or special event to be remembered, to be honored, or to be celebrated. You can either sign up at church, call the office, email secretary@robertsucc.org or go to: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!> The information will appear in the bulletin of the chosen date, and the congregation can join you in remembering, honoring, or celebrating.

In the past, bulletin sponsors have chosen to make a donation, usually \$15/per date. This has been helpful in offsetting the cost of bulletin expenses. If you choose to donate, please do so prior to your chosen sponsorship date. If paying by check, please make payable to RUCC, noting “bulletin sponsorship” in the memo line.

THANK YOU ~

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 01 | **Jane Bond**
 07 | **Duane Hall**
Natilee McDonald
 09 | **Danielle Johnson**
 23 | **Tyson Ferrick**
Mackson Stone
 31 | **David Hansen**

January 1*Bill & Margo Schultz*

Earl Pechuman
 Hopkins
 Bruun
 Jason Muller

Sharon Johnson
 Andrew Korn
 Nikki Freeman
 Krystal Gaustad

Lowell Johnson Wanda
 Rodney Korn Kinsley
 Todd Graf

For all those serving in our law enforcement, first responders, military, healthcare settings, and those in Ukraine; for all those not listed above but needing prayer, we lift you up.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to be added to the prayer list, please let us know. If you have added someone to the prayer list, please keep us updated.

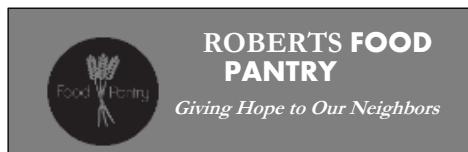
OPEN WEEKLY**Tuesday & Thursday**

9:00am – 11:30am

Wednesdays

6:30pm – 8:00pm

715-749-3478



Do you or anyone you know need help with groceries? The Food Pantry is available to Help.

We thank you for your continued support and generosity in serving our community.

For those wishing to donate,

We are low on: Canned chicken, canned mandarin oranges, canned pineapple, laundry soap, & dish soap

Brown paper and white plastic bags are also accepted.

Please Note: The Pantry will be closed New Year's Eve & New Years Day.

**ROBERTS CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 4, 2025**

In attendance were the following: Tony J, Lori J, Brett B, and Laura L

Tony did the opening

Reviewed the minutes from November, Brett motioned to approve and Tony seconded it

Deacons

Will discuss the visitation team at the annual meeting, in the meantime the deacons are writing cards after their meetings

January 18th will be the annual meeting followed by a potluck

Christmas services will be at 4:30 and 11 p.m.

Working on board replacements

S.H.I.F.T.

Holiday gathering at 5:30 Monday December 8 at the Jurek's, this is an informative meeting if anyone is wanting more information about this mission

Cookie sale is December 14 at 11

Provide food to Grace Place on December 18th

Provided about 40 feel good kits to local schools

Trustees

Working on budget, amount of pledges made was normal to what is usually pledged

Women's Fellowship

Coverage for Judy while she is gone

Reviewed dinner committees

Set a dollar amount that each member will have to pay

CE

Working on costumes and set for Christmas program

Will work on cards on December 7

Toni's mom made Christmas bags for the kids will be putting fruit and candy in them for the kids in the program

Pastor

Generous donation to upgrade the hearing assistance system

Advent season, thanks to Connie M for getting volunteers for the month of December

Working on Christmas Eve services

Looking for volunteers to help with Christmas on Main on December 13 from 1-3 pm in the park building

Expecting an increase in gas card request as the weather gets colder

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COUNCIL REPORT
ROBERTS CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
NOVEMBER 6, 2025

CBT

Working on the constitution

Next meeting is January 8, 2026 Brett will do the opening

Submitted by
Laura Logas, Church clerk

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

Detailed minutes of the Trustee meetings, including full financial statements are available upon request.

General Fund Financial Summary as of November 30, 2025

Statement of Activity		Statement of Financial Position	
Income/Contributions	\$ 15,411.75	Assets	
Facility Use Income		General Accounts	\$ 4,707.42
Fundraising Income		Other Bank Accounts	4,399.59
Interest	0.18	Fixed Assets	1,874,642.28
Total Income	15,411.93	Total Assets	\$ 1,883,749.29
Expenses	12,838.33	Liabilities & Equity	
Transfers from other accounts		Accrued Expenses	\$ -
Net Activity	\$ 2,573.60	Bank Mortgage Balances	530,686.85
		Member Balances	150,000.00
		Total Liabilities	680,686.85
		Equity	1,203,062.44
		Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 1,883,749.29

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER COMMITTEES FOR 2026

Women's Fellowship meetings are open to all and held at 3:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month.
The monthly Community Dinner follows from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

NEW THIS YEAR: Committee Members are asked to reimburse Chairperson \$20 each toward grocery expenses beyond any food donated.

Women's Fellowship will reimburse Chairperson for remaining expenses as needed.

All (hot) main entrees are to be dished up from the service window. Sides can be on a self-serve table.

Each committee determines its menu and needs to take home everything they bring. Nothing should be left in the refrigerator.
If you cannot serve at your appointed time, please notify your chairperson. If you are not listed and would like to serve, please contact one of the Executive Committee members.

Serve dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Plan food for 50-75 people

Note: All food must be made at the church –STATE LAW!!

January 8, 2026

Nancy Kirouac **Chairman
Mary Grupe (\$ donation)
Carol & Terry Dull
Roene Frederick (\$ donation)
Mandy Clay
Megan Frye
Betty Schultz
Mary Schultz

February 5, 2026

Lori Jurek **Chairman
Jacque Nelson
Sheryl Budrow
Dawn Budrow
Toni Williams
Laurene Ray

March 5, 2026

Dianne Loewel *Co-Chair
Katy Kapaun *Co-Chair
Audrey Ackley
Jean Johnson
Chris Bohl
Laura Logas

April 9, 2026

Margie Ricci *Co-Chair
Mary Thorsen *Co-Chair
Laurie Monteith
Danielle Johnson
Jane Bond
Kelly Hueman

May 7, 2026

Judy Snoeyenbos **Chairman
Betty Schultz
Mary Schultz
Cheryl Cowles
Lori Jurek
Toni Williams
Laurene Ray

June, July & Aug 2026**September 3, 2026**

Katy Kapaun *Co-Chair
Dianne Loewel *Co-Chair
Laura Logas
Wanda Hopkins
Trudy Hinkel
Elizabeth Croes
Kay Debban

October 1, 2026

Lori Jurek **Chairman
Nancy Kirouac
Darla Ramberg
Toni Williams
Beth Rogers
Deb Phillips
Duane Loewel

November 5, 2026

Michelle Hansen *Co-Chair
Laurene Ray *Co-Chair
Pat Colbeth
Glenda Hansen
Suzie Lange
Nancee Hurlburt
Mary Jo Ball
Sally Mahlstadt

December 3, 2026

Patti Robertson **Chairman
Sharon Pizzi
Lori Gulich
Judy Snoeyenbos
Laura Logas
Lori Jurek

January 7, 2027

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Executive Committee

President: Judy Snoeyenbos 715-410-1909
Vice President: Lori Jurek 715-220-7432
Secretary: Nancy Kirouac 651-269-6103
Treasurer: Judy Snoeyenbos 715-410-1909

On-Call List

(Will serve additional months if needed.)

Lori Jurek
Dianne Loewel
Laura Logas
Connie Mueller

Judy Snoeyenbos
Mary Thorsen
Laurene Ray



Dates & times may change. Please check the church calendar on our website for any changes.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Year's Day <i>(Office Closed)</i>	2	3
4 10am Worship w/Holy Communion	5 6:30pm CBT Meeting	6 6pm Deacons Meeting	7 6:30pm Bell Choir	8 3:30pm WF Meeting 4:30pm Community Dinner 6:30pm Council Meeting	9	10
11 10am Worship	12	13 6pm CE Meeting	14 6pm Confirmation 6:30pm Bell Choir	15	16	17
18 10am Worship 11am Annual Meeting	19 Martin Luther King Jr Day	20 6:30pm Trustees Meeting <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	21 5:30pm RUCCUS Potluck 6pm RUCCUS Welcome Back Game Night 6:30pm Bell Choir	22	23 9am – 3pm Red Cross Blood Drive	24
25 10am Worship	26	27	28 6pm Confirmation 6:30pm Bell Choir	29	30	31



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